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The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 13-25 would be allowed if a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is filed in this case. In view of this indication, a Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is submitted along with the associated official fee. The United States Patent Office's records shown the common ownership of the above identified application and the conflicting application or patent. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised

double patenting rejection should be withdrawn at this time.

If any amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case completely in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

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